

REMARKS

A restriction requirement was posed as between three groups of claims: Group I is claims 1-8, Group II is claims 9-12 and Group III is claims 13-22. In response, Group I is elected without traverse.

In the above amendment claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 10-12 all depend from claim 9 and thus from claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-12 are now encompassed within the invention of Group I.

Claim 13 has been amended to be drawn to an apparatus equivalent of the method of Group I. It is seen that the ultrasound system of claim 13 is drawn specifically to the obtaining, determining, combining, and displaying functions of claim 1. It is seen, for instance, that claim 13 is now directed to an ultrasound imaging system with adaptive persistence, as is the method of claim 1, and that the display is recited to display an image corresponding to the composite image frame, materially the same as the process of Group I. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application as amended above are now all drawn to the same invention of class 600, subclass 443.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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